



Summary of proposed policy changes to the Mississippi Child Care Payment Program Policy Manual Proposed Effective Date: May 15, 2023

Note: On advice of agency counsel, the word “may” has been changed to “shall” where warranted. Those changes are not included in the summary below, but can be seen in the policy document itself.

Rule/Section	Summary of Proposed Changes
Rule 2.1	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Update definition of child care certificate 2. Update definition of eligibility period 3. Insert definition of Emergency Preparedness Plan 4. Update definition of Family Child Care Provider 5. Remove definition of Healthy Families Mississippi-This program ends March 31, 2023 6. Update definition of Income 7. Update definition of License-Exempt Child Care Provider 8. Update definition of Licensed Child Care Provider 9. Update definition of Natural Disaster 10. Update definition of Redetermination of Eligibility 11. Updated definition of Substantiated Child Abuse
Rule 3.1	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Remove HFM
Rule 3.2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Remove HFM 2. Clarify cases of deployed parents
Rule 4.1	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Remove HFM 2. Clarify name of CPS 3. Add Vietnamese as language for paper application
Rule 4.3	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clarify submission of paper applications available in Spanish and Vietnamese
Rule 4.4	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clarify document submission options.
Rule 5.2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Remove requirement for cooperation with child support
Rule 5.5	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Added Short-term disability payments to the list of non-countable income
Rule 5.10	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Remove Requirement for cooperation with child support
Rule 5.14	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Clarify rules for job search for current clients
Rule 5.15	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Remove requirement for cooperation with child support 2. Clarifies job search during client redetermination
Rule 5.17	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Removes parent debt of provider fees as a possible reason for termination
Rule 6.2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clarifies parent co-payment assignment and provider ability to change it
Rule 7.1	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clarifies condition for license exemption
Rule 7.2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clarifies conditions for license exemption
Rule 7.4	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clarify Standard Designation requirement 2. Remove reference to PIP
Rule 7.6	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clarifies professional development for license-exempt providers
Rule 8.1	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Inserted new language regarding information included in the child care certificate

Rule 8.3	1. Clarifies that co-payment fees must be paid before a change of provider can occur.
Rule 8.4	1. Clarifies E-ledger process and enrollment-based payment
Rule 8.5	1. Clarifies submission process for change of provider
Rule 8.7	1. Removes language regarding natural disasters-this information was relocated to Rule 8.8 2. Clarifies requirements for reporting child absence.
Rule 8.8	1. Clarifies requirement for subsidy providers to adhere to allowable closure days 2. Provides new language to allow providers 3 additional closure days per year for documented professional development
Rule 8.17	1. Clarifies reporting of provider change of status
Rule 9.7	1. Clarifies information for monitoring fines
Rule 9.10	1. Provides new penalties for Intentional Program Violations for parents and providers
Rule 9.11	1. Clarifies the recovery of funds process
Rule 9.12	1. Provides new language regarding penalties for providers due to non-compliance with policy
Rule 9.13	1. Provides new language regarding penalties for parents due to non-compliance with policy
Rule 9.14	1. Clarifies process when criminal prosecution is necessary